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# Warren County Head Start could shut down this mon funding delay

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to inform you that we will possibly need to suspend all Warren County Head Start programs as of April 19, 2025. We are due to receive the rest of our federal grant funds that will allow us to continue programming. Unfortunately, we have not received this funding as of yet. We are working with the Office of Head Start and Health and Human Services to ensure we receive these funds so that this suspension does not occur. We have also reached out to Congressional representatives as well as Senators for their support. If we need to suspend programming, we will open the program back up as soon as we receive the funds. I apologize for this, and we will continue to work diligently with our partners to stop this suspension. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Sincerely,



The program, which serves 183 children and employs 78 staff members, has not received the second half of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).(Image Source: Warren County Head Start)

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WARREN COUNTY, N.Y. (WRGB) — The Warren County Head Start program announced an April 19th suspension in services due to a delay in federal funding, according to County Director Shari Marci.

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The program, which serves 183 children and employs 78 staff members, will suspend the second half of its \$3.7 million [federal grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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Marci explained that the program typically receives half of its grant money in January and the remainder between January and March. However, HHS has informed that the funds will not be available until May or June. The program only has enough funds to last through April 18th.

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"We would have to lay them off," Marci said, referring to the staff. "The impact on the staff for unemployment as we wouldn't have work for them. And then the impact on the children we'd be able to bring everybody back... The impact that it is going to cause for the children, families and staff is going to be like nothing else."

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The program, which has been a staple in Warren County since 1965, provides services such as family and health support for pregnant families and children under 5 years old. That around 30 percent of the children receive physical, speech, or occupational therapy means these children could be most affected by the disruption.

The funding delay comes amid recent mass [layoffs](#) at the federal level and the Biden administration, including those who administer the Head Start program.

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